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2. In analysing certain data which I have obtained from the Soviet press, I can make the following comments: as supplementary to my previous report! The 13% annual increase figure established by the Fifth Five Year Plan is not being fulfilled. From reports

it is seen that the actual annual increase of petroleum production is as follows:

- (a) a 12% increase in 1951 over 1950,
- (b) a 12% increase in 1952 over 1951,
- (c) an 11% increase in the first half of 1953 over the first half of 1952.

3. Malenkov, Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, in his address at the fifth session of the USSR Supreme Council on 9 Aug 53 stated that more than 52 million tons of petroleum will be produced in the USSR in 1953. This volume of petroleum production will only be 8% more than that of 1952.

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4. An editorial entitled "For Further Growth in the Petroleum Industry" in the 3 Jul 53 issue of Pravda notes quite a number of shortcomings in the work of the USSR Petroleum industry which were acknowledged by Savchukov, USSR Petroleum Industry Minister in the 16 Aug 53 issue of Pravda.

5. Analysing the above, I have arrived at the following conclusions:

- (a) The petroleum industry of the USSR has not been able to cope with the tasks of the Fifth Five-year Plan.

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(b) The annual production increase figure is unrealistic since the actual increase is much lower - 11% instead of the 13% which had been planned. Since the Government as a rule hides direct and indirect military expenditures in the expenditures of other ministries, it can be assumed that a part of the expenditures in the petroleum industry is of a military nature.

6. Taking the above into account one can arrive at an idea of actual production figures for the years which have already elapsed in the present plan period (1951, 1952, 1953). I have entered these figures in the following table which can be combined with the tables contained in [redacted]

PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN THE USSR DURING THE FIFTH
FIVE YEAR PLAN IN COMPARISON WITH 1940 AND 1950

Name of Producing Area	Annual Production of Petroleum in Millions of Tons											
	1940		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
1. Azerbaijan SSR	21.3	17.0	18.0	18.2	18.5	20.2	20.4	22.2	21.5	23.5		25.5
2. RSFSR												
a) Second Baku	1.5	6.5	7.0	9.2	9.2	10.7	10.3	12.6	12.0	14.5		16.8
b) Northern Caucasus	4.5	5.5	6.1	6.8	6.8	7.5	7.4	8.5	8.0	9.2		11.2
c) North	-	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.1		1.2
d) Far East	1.0	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.8	3.4		3.8
3. Kazak SSR	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.7		3.1
4. Turkmen SSR	1.0	1.104	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.8	2.6		2.9
5. Uzbek SSR	0.6	1.066	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.5	2.3	1.6	2.9		3.5
6. Ukrainian SSR	0.4	0.325	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7		0.8
7. Gruzinsk SSR	-	0.110	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.5		1.7
8. Tadzhik SSR	-	0.060	0.080	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6		0.7
TOTAL	31.0	35.365	38.48	43.5	43.2	49.3	47.4	56.0	52.4	62.7		71.2

Comment: (a) My figure for actual 1953 production is taken from Malenkov's 9 Aug 53 address to the Fifth Session of the USSR Supreme Council.
 (b) My figure for actual 1953 production broken down into producing areas is based on the characteristics of the areas, taking into account the Government's special hopes for the Volga Bashkir Union Republic ("Vtoroye Baku" or "Second Baku").
 (c) I estimate that actual petroleum production in 1954 for the entire USSR will be 57--58 million tons.

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